GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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COMMUNAL HARMONY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Integration Council has been formed by the Government to ensure communal harmony;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the issues taken up by the Council and suggestions given to the Government;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to fight against naxalism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The National Integration Council (NIC) has been re-constituted vide Press Note dated 2.2.2005. The main objective of NIC is to review all matters pertaining to national integration and to make recommendations thereon. The first meeting of the reconstituted NIC is scheduled to be held on 31st August, 2005

(c) & (d): The Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism which includes

(i) having a peace dialogue by the affected States, wherever feasible, with naxal groups willing to adjure violence

(ii) modernization and strengthening of the State Police forces, long term deployment of Para Military forces, intensified intelligence based well-coordinated anti-naxalite operations,

(iii) focused attention on integrated development of the affected areas and

(iv) removal of socio-cultural alienation of people, gearing up of public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups.